

My comments/objections as an Owner/Operator to EOBR's are as follows:

1. Who's gonna pay for them ? Freight rates don't go up, so this is just another expense to bear. Even a tax rebate/break doesn't help. Using all the current legal tax laws right now, on paper, my business operates at a loss. So how can a tax break help offset the costs of installing an EOBR. It's still another added expense.

2.This is my truck, I own it. I sometimes use it as my personal vehicle. Sometimes during my 34 hours off (to take advantage of the re-set) away from home, I'll drop the trailer and go see a movie, or go to a Wal-Mart, etc. Granted, this violates the 34 hour off duty in order to re-start my 70 law, but it follows the intent of the law, which is to get some off duty time and rest/relax. At home, and I live in a rural area, if the family vehicle doesn't start, then I use the big truck to get people to work/school. How will the EOBR's affect this?

3. The black boxes on aircraft didn't stop accidents, it just tells what happened.

4. Currently, once we start our day, we have 14 hours to accomplish what ever we need to do. The biggest problem in trying to use our allotted time as efficiently as possible is dealing with shippers. A large portion of them either don't understand or just don't care about the time constraints we have to deal with. We have no control over how time is spent at customers docks. Time spent just sitting waiting for customers who have called for trucks and then, for a variety of reasons, aren't ready for the truck to load/unload when it arrives. If you're going to strictly enforce compliance by means of the EOBR's, then we need help from you to do something to avoid all the wasted time/productivity/earnings spent sitting at customers docks that count against us.

Thanks,
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